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<p>Submission (3) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.</p> <p>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	09/481,396
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. Under above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued examination application (CEA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 (4) (PTO/SB/23) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Prevalent Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50202 (Aug. 16, 2000); Federal Rule of Fed. Reg. 14855 (Oct. 20, 2000); 1202 Off. Gaz. Fed. Reg. 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
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 - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of _____ month(s). Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required.
 - ☐ Other _____
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